

# FRISKY'S DONATIONS

March was a month for birthday donations. Olivia Fisher asked her birthday guests to make donations from Frisky's WishList in lieu of presents for herself. The donations were dropped off at Frisky's and at that time Olivia and her Mom found out about an older chinchilla living here that has allergies. They soon returned with allergy free items to make the Chinchillas life easier.

Isabelle Ciaverelli (Izzy) had a bowling party to celebrate her 14th birthday and she also asked for donations for Frisky's. Izzy made a poster for her party and had all attending sign it for Frisky's. This wonderful poster is bordered by pictures of all of Frisky's different animals.

Becky Merson celebrated her 9th birthday with a collection for Frisky's. Becky and her family had adopted a rabbit earlier from Frisky's and she took with her information about the bunnies we are trying to find homes for now.

Katarina, working on a Silver Award for Girl Scouts brought in donations she had collected. Katarina is planning on doing a hands-on project later for the Award also. These young girls are very giving individuals and have a head start on being a compassionate adult that may someday change the way we treat animals.

Kreiger Schechter Day School's 6th grade class collected gifts of supplies and money for several weeks and brought them to Frisky's where they were given an educational tour. The students made wonderful posters to honor their visit to Frisky's. They were very talented. After learning about Frisky's at school, they understood that Frisky's offers rehabilitation for the wildlife, temporary care for the adoptable animals, and sanctuary for the exotics like monkeys and coatimundi. Cheri Crow, Learning Specialist at KSDS, was one of the chaperones. She is a neighbor and suggested the visit to Frisky's for her classroom. She wrote a letter to thank us and stated that at Frisky's we are living the values that their children are taught, "caring for living creatures", "acts of loving kindness", and "making the world more perfect". She explained how the visit allowed the children to "Live Their Learning" and was a truly enriching field trip for both students and chaperones. We enjoyed this visit as much as the students did. Thank You KSDS.

We also want to thank Andy of Maryland Monogram Products for his repeated donation of shirts for the staff and volunteers. Thank you Andy!

## THANK YOU FROM FRISKY'S

*Whether you donated items from the Wish List, Money, Time, or even Prayers, Colleen and Scott, the Staff, the Volunteers and all Frisky's Animals wish to THANK YOU.*



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## EAGLE FINDS SANCTUARY

PART TWO: A Clean Bill of Health

WRITTEN BY JANICE ELLIS



On February 25th, Colleen and Rose, one of Frisky's volunteers, took the Bald Eagle into Dr. Gold for an examination at Chadwell Animal Hospital. While waiting for her appointment, Colleen told the staff how she was preparing the Eagle for transporting

earlier, when he 'painted' her and her clothing with leftover food and how she had to do a last minute clean up and wardrobe change before coming in. No one was surprised at her story, they had all experienced something similar in their line of work. The entire staff was excited about seeing the Bald Eagle but Dr. Haskin was



fortunate enough to have hands-on experience with Dr. Gold and Colleen. A Bald Eagle is a powerful

and dangerous bird if not handled properly. Taking necessary precautions, Colleen and Dr. Haskin held the body and the legs so that Dr. Gold could do a thorough examination.

Dr. Gold found him to be in much better shape than he was on the initial examination. He is no longer emaciated and weak. His wing seems to be healing slowly and he can proudly hold his head up high. He had gained almost a pound and he was a lot stronger. He was alert and aware of every procedure.

But this bit of joyful news is tempered with a sad reminder. As the gun shot wound is examined, everyone is still amazed at how someone

could do this to such a magnificent creature. Dr. Gold said "It's terrible that people are still shooting these animals. With a fully mature adult Bald Eagle, they have a white head, there was no mistaking it's an Eagle. So it's really terrible, someone did this maliciously." Dr. Gold went on to say that his wing seems to be healing slowly and he no longer needed to be in the restraining enclosure.

A great deal of time had gone into preparing our largest flight enclosure, cleaning it while it was temporarily empty, adding new perches, painting and replacing slats, and adding a new stone floor.

But all the work was paying off because now he was ready to be moved to the new flight enclosure where he will remain until he is able to be released back into the wild. His new enclosure has multiple smaller enclosures for him to choose from. There is even one on the new stoned floor so that he can sleep inside a secure area while he is still unable to fly. As he regains his strength he will be able to test his wings a little at a time, until he can extend both wings completely and take flight across the length of the enclosure. This will allow the Bald Eagle to gain the confidence and the physical strength he will need to be returned to the wild.

Taking care of Eagles is not a very pristine job. There is the feeding of mice and fish and then cleaning up any remaining bits and pieces that weren't eaten. Sometimes, a bird of prey will hide some of its food under leaves or tuck it into an eave on the inside of the enclosure. To find



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those leftovers is no thrill at all. You really have to love what you do when you work with animals. Sometimes this Eagle eats the entire fish he is offered, but more often he leaves the head with the skeleton attached. The results almost look like something from a horror movie, or if you have a good sense of humor, from an old cartoon.

All the volunteers at Frisky's that day gathered around to watch the Bald Eagle be released from his recovery enclosure into the large enclosure. Our excitement made it difficult to be quiet, but it's important to have silence around wildlife so they do not become imprinted on humans. At first he was resistant to leave his new found security, but Colleen patiently let him take the time he needed to adjust. Then he was out on the floor and moving away from Colleen. It was sad when he went to the slatted rear wall and kept pacing back and forth, we realized he was looking for a way out. But we knew that he was in no condition to survive outside the enclosure yet, so we reminded ourselves that it would get better each day until he would finally be free again.

Bald Eagles are large, reaching nearly three feet tall with a wing span of almost six

feet. This magnificent bird is visible without even getting right up to the enclosure. For the first week, every time we went near the enclosure we could see him standing on a log cut from a poplar tree, it almost seemed as though he never moved at all. When Colleen went inside the enclosure to bring his food, he barely moved his head to watch her. Little by little that changed, he started watching her every move and making certain that we knew it. In the past few days, something new occurred. As Colleen now takes a step towards him with his food, he takes a challenging step towards Colleen. As Colleen takes a step back, the Bald Eagle takes another step towards her. This rendition of a 'tango' now goes on each time she enters the enclosure. "Feeling much better aren't we?" Colleen takes her work seriously and is not afraid of the Bald Eagle's advance, but rather cautious and aware of its every move, its moods and its very nature.



She never makes sudden moves and knows just how close and at the same time how far away she needs to be for each task that takes place inside the enclosure.

As the Bald Eagle gains his strength and moves more freely throughout the enclosure, he soon finds that he has a wonderful bath area. Bald Eagles love water for daily bathing and for catching fish. Bald Eagles are known as the Fish Eagles and they mate for life. Somewhere near that river where he was found, there is a good chance that a female Bald Eagle and maybe some young ones are waiting and wondering if he will return.

Colleen is currently re-educating herself on the techniques of teaching this large bird of prey to fly again, so that when he is strong enough to begin, she can assist with the process. At night, she is always curled up in her bed with a book or two, never knowing enough on any subject having to do with animal welfare. She says that even if she's reading something that she's read more than once already, she's sure to learn something that will make her work easier and better.

To Be Continued.....



## MARCH BIRTHDAYS AT FRISKY'S

March is a busy month here at Frisky's with warm weather showing up early and all the preparation for the fundraiser in April taking place now. Small baby animals have already found their way to our door and many Eagle Scout Projects have started.

But we made time to celebrate two birthdays this month. March 6th was Kiko's 16th birthday. Kiko is a Rhesus Macaque monkey that came to Frisky's Sanctuary in 1999. The family that Kiko originally lived with brought him to Frisky's due to an unavoidable and stressful family circumstance. Mr. and Mrs. Most had a daughter with a major illness and another daughter with health issues of her own. Kiko had never caused anyone any harm and was loved dearly by the entire family, but this new health issue was overwhelming for them and demanding of their time. They felt it was unfair for Kiko to remain with their family. It became

a heart wrenching decision, but in the end they knew that Kiko would make the trip to become part of Frisky's family. The family continues to support Kiko throughout his stay here at Frisky's. He celebrated his birthday with a special package from his earlier Momma and Poppa. The package included a birthday treat mixture of mixed nuts, trail mix and a variety of healthy cereals. He also had packages to unwrap, which he thoroughly enjoys. As he unwrapped them one by one, he was surprised to find a new ball to play with, a big busy board and a mirror for him to admire himself in. He is very good at this! His birthday card included \$100 for his allowance. Even though Kiko is no longer in their home, he will always be in their hearts. Happy Birthday Kiko! (Wait ...Kiko is 16...maybe we can get him to sign up as a volunteer....well, maybe just to do his own cleaning?)

The Most family also sent Colleen a birthday card and a very generous donation to Frisky's. On March 11th, Colleen became 57 years young. (An old person could not possibly do all that she does everyday). On the spur of the moment, the volunteers that were here Friday surprised her with a cake and flowers. We had set up the cake in the

barn area where some of the volunteers were already working. I began to ask the animal care givers to slip down to that area one by one. As the last volunteer made their way down to join the group, Colleen suddenly realized everyone had gone down to the barn area and she couldn't imagine why. She reminds us often that we are here for the animals, not to socialize, so she went down the hill and marched over to see why the volunteers were not where they were supposed to be. When she realized why we were all gathered she was very surprised. Colleen said she had not had a birthday celebration since her 20's. Sitting with the volunteers to enjoy a piece of cake was probably the first break she had taken all week long due to the zoning hearing we had attended the night before. It was so good to see her smile and hear her laughter. Happy Birthday Colleen, we love you!



## ILLEGAL PET ALLIGATOR GETS A SECOND CHANCE

Frisky's received a 2 1/2 foot American Alligator from the Washington Humane Society on February 4th. The alligator had been confiscated in a case involving a DEA drug raid. Frisky's was willing to offer the alligator temporary sanctuary until a permanent solution and a clean bill of health were obtained.

The alligator was kept in a secure enclosure until it could be transported to Dr. Keith Gold, D.V.M. of Chadwell Animal Hospital. (Dr. Gold is Frisky's on-call veterinarian for all the animals.) On February 16th, Dr. Gold found the alligator's health to be good and the alligator was picked up there by the Plumpton Park Zoo which is located in Rising Sun, MD. The Zoo is licensed to legally offer a permanent home for him. Now, the alligator can be viewed by the public in an exhibit that is much like his natural habitat would be. We are thankful for the opportunity to be a stepping stone on the path to this alligator's second chance.

As long as exotic animals are offered for sale, there will be people who want to own them and take them into their home. All wildlife belongs in the wild! Let us hope one day in the future our laws will ensure that wildlife remains in the wild.



## ADORABLE ABUNDANCE OF BABY BUNNIES

We are still looking for homes for our baby bunnies that were confiscated during the Howard County Hoarding incident. Please ask yourself if your family or someone you know could give a home to one or more of these cute bundles of fur. Most are old enough to be adopted right away. Contact us to obtain an adoption application. You will need experience with rabbits or a similar pet. The adoption fee of \$30 includes a certificate to have your rabbit spayed or neutered. Additional pictures are available on Petfinder/Frisky's.



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Frisky's does not participate in the sale of any wildlife.

As always, you can go to our website and safely donate through paypal!



### WHAT CAN I DO?

Frisky's is a 501 (c) 3 Organization. Frisky's DOES NOT receive any county, state or federal funding. Frisky's survives only by public donations. All proceeds and donations go directly to the care and welfare of the animals. Please donate an item from the wishlist, or send in your tax deductible donation!

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YOUR EXPERIENCE AND SUPPORT OF FRISKY'S NEEDS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE COUNTY'S ATTENTION NOW!

TELL HOWARD COUNTY ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!

**HEARING ON THURSDAY,  
MARCH 24, 2011 - 6:30pm**

**LOCATION: GEORGE HOWARD BUILDING  
3430 COURTHOUSE DRIVE, ELLICOTT CITY, MD.**

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OUT AND SHOW YOUR SUPPORT OF  
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Thank you,  
Colleen Layton-Robbins

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